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JOIN OUR DIALING DUET AS THEY ARE FORCED TO PONDER...
The RIDDLE OF THE SPHINX!
THE SPHINX was created by DAVID WILE, age 18, N.S.Canada.
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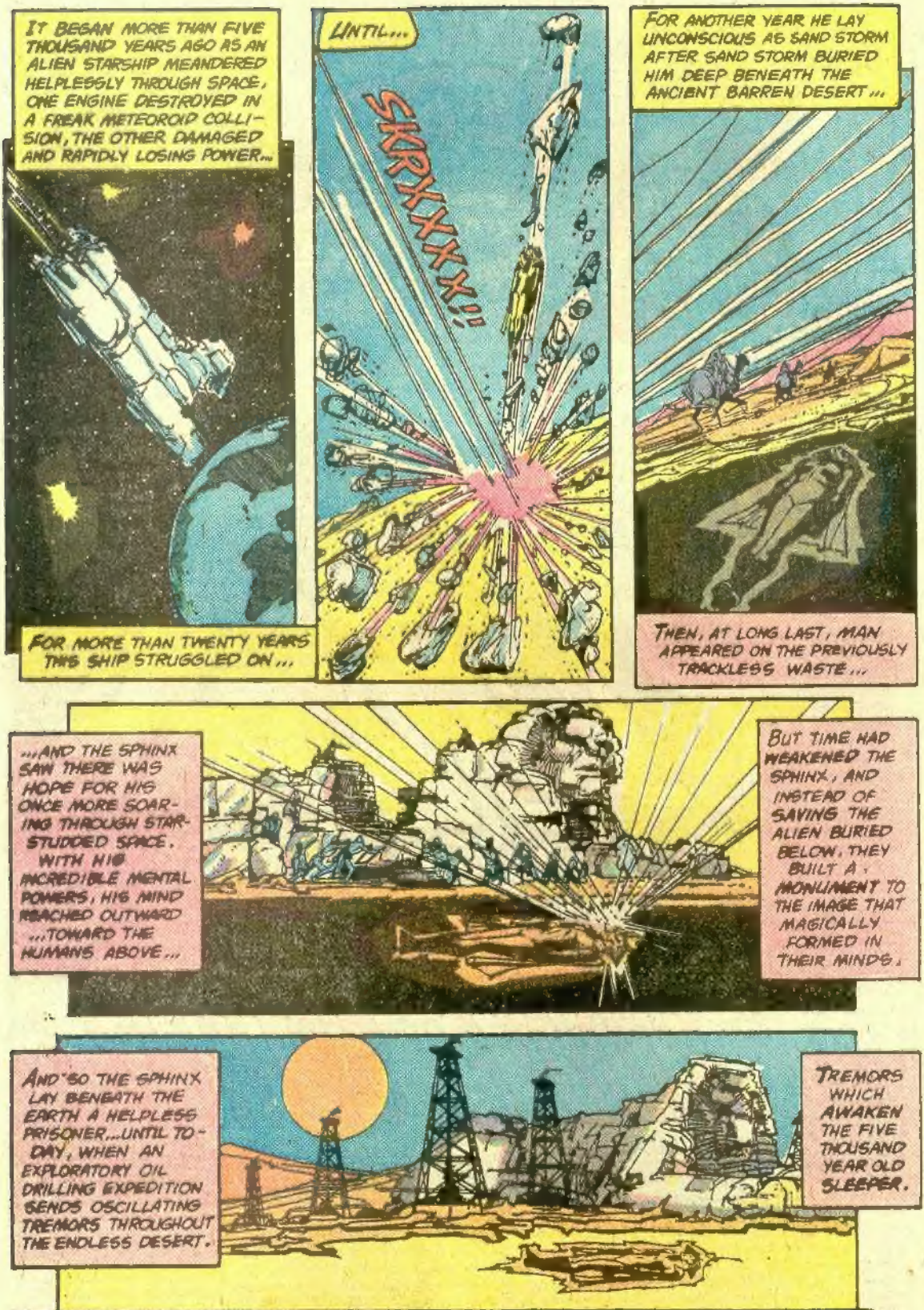
IT BEGAN MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND YEARS AGO AS AN ALIEN STARSHIP MEANDERED HELPLESSLY THROUGH SPACE, ONE ENGINE DESTROYED IN A FREAK METEOROID COLLISION, THE OTHER DAMAGED AND RAPIDLY LOSING POWER...
FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS THIS SHIP STRUGGLED ON...
UNTIL...
SKRYXXXX!!
FOR ANOTHER YEAR HE LAY UNCONSCIOUS AS SAND STORM AFTER SAND STORM BURIED HIM DEEP BENEATH THE ANCIENT BARREN DESERT...
THEN, AT LONG LAST, MAN APPEARED ON THE PREVIOUSLY TRACKLESS WASTE...
...AND THE SPHINX SAW THERE WAS HOPE FOR HIS ONCE MORE SOARING THROUGH STAR-STUDDED SPACE. WITH HIS INCREDIBLE MENTAL POWERS, HIS MIND REACHED OUTWARD ...TOWARD THE HUMANS ABOVE...
BUT TIME HAD WEAKENED THE SPHINX, AND INSTEAD OF SAVING THE ALIEN BURIED BELOW, THEY BUILT A MONUMENT TO THE IMAGE THAT MAGICALLY FORMED IN THEIR MINDS.
AND SO THE SPHINX LAY BENEATH THE EARTH A HELPLESS PRISONER...UNTIL TODAY, WHEN AN EXPLORATORY OIL DRILLING EXPEDITION SENDS OSCILLATING TREMORS THROUGHOUT THE ENDLESS DESERT.
TREMORS WHICH AWAKEN THE FIVE THOUSAND YEAR OLD SLEEPER.

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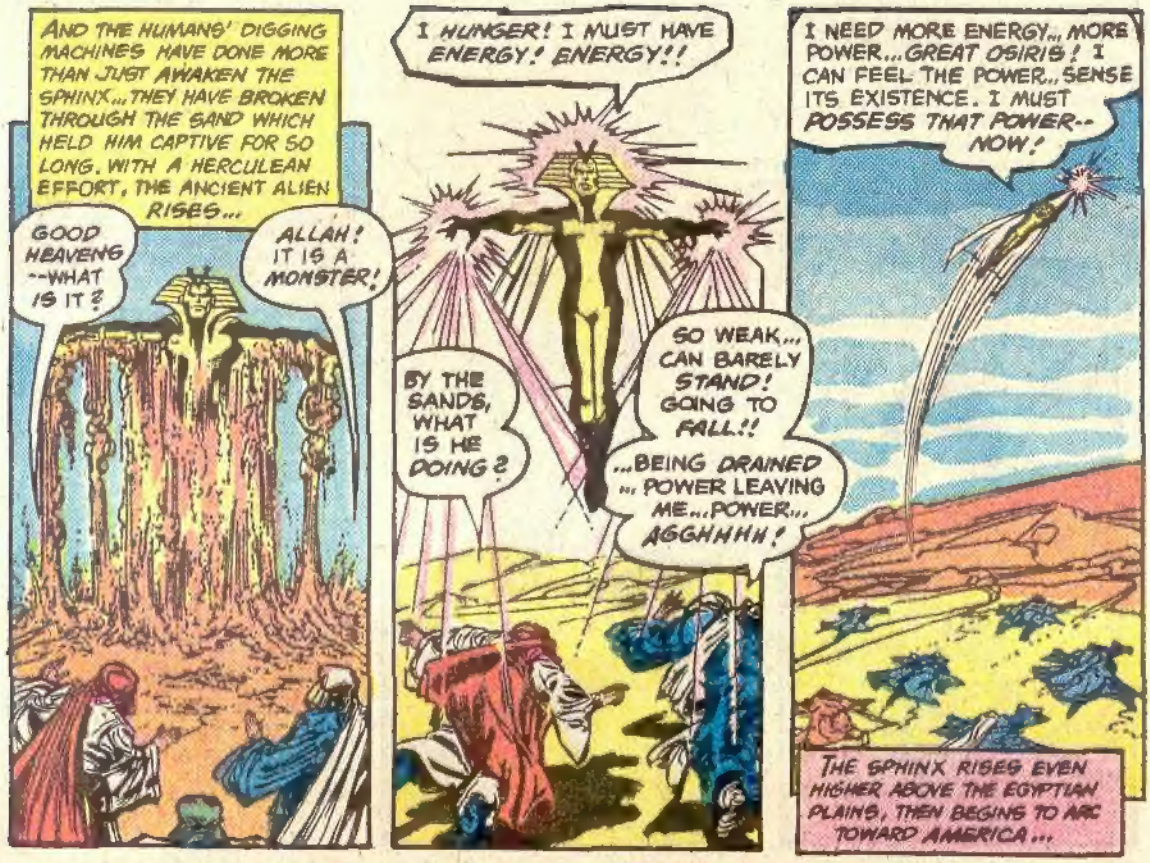
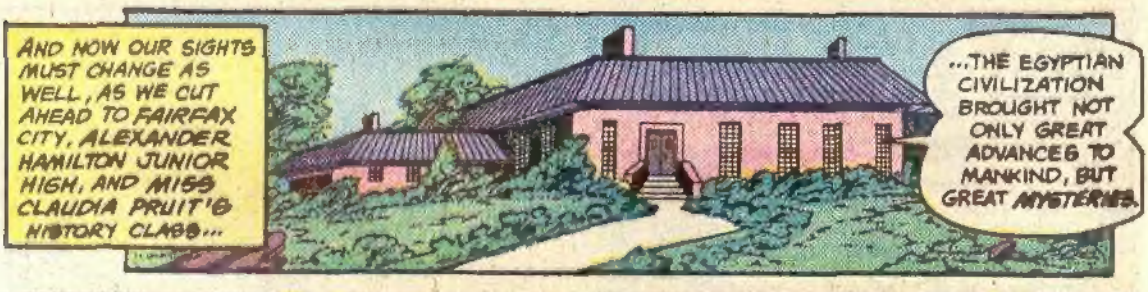
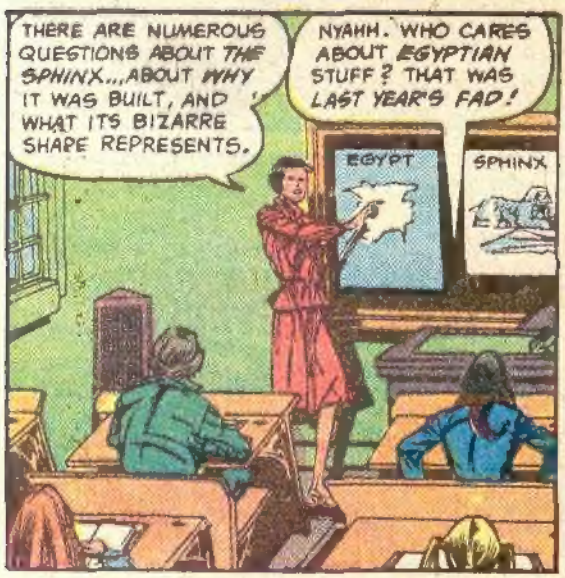

AND THE HUMANS' DIGGING MACHINES HAVE DONE MORE THAN JUST AWAKEN THE SPHINX... THEY HAVE BROKEN THROUGH THE SAND WHICH HELD HIM CAPTIVE FOR SO LONG. WITH A HERCULEAN EFFORT, THE ANCIENT ALIEN RISES...
GOOD HEAVENS --WHAT IS IT?
ALLAH! IT IS A MONSTER!
I HUNGER! I MUST HAVE ENERGY! ENERGY!!
BY THE SANDS, WHAT IS HE DOING?
SO WEAK... CAN BARELY STAND! GOING TO FALL!!
...BEING DRAINED ... POWER LEAVING ME...POWER... AGGHHHH!
I NEED MORE ENERGY... MORE POWER...GREAT OSIRIS! I CAN FEEL THE POWER... SENSE ITS EXISTENCE. I MUST POSSESS THAT POWER-- NOW!
THE SPHINX RISES EVEN HIGHER ABOVE THE EGYPTIAN PLAINS, THEN BEGINS TO ARC TOWARD AMERICA...


AND NOW OUR SIGHTS MUST CHANGE AS WELL, AS WE CUT AHEAD TO FAIRFAX CITY, ALEXANDER HAMILTON JUNIOR HIGH, AND MISS CLAUDIA PRUIT'S HISTORY CLASS...
...THE EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION BROUGHT NOT ONLY GREAT ADVANCES TO MANKIND, BUT GREAT MYSTERIES.


THERE ARE NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SPHINX...ABOUT WHY IT WAS BUILT, AND WHAT ITS BIZARRE SHAPE REPRESENTS.
NYAHH. WHO CARES ABOUT EGYPTIAN STUFF? THAT WAS LAST YEAR'S FAD!
EGYPT
SPHINX

MISS PARKS, WE ARE ALL AWARE OF YOUR PENCHANT FOR WHAT IS "IN" AND WHAT IS "OUT", BUT WOULD YOU MIND KEEPING YOUR COMMENTS CONCERNING EGYPTIAN HISTORY TO YOURSELF!
OOOPS, SORRY, MISS PRUIT!

AND, SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, AS THE BELL RINGS...
THAT WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY, CLASS. REMEMBER YOUR HOMEWORK, AND DON'T TARRY TO YOUR NEXT CLASS.
WHO'S GOT TIME FOR HOMEWORK? THE CIRCUS IS OPENING TOMORROW. YOU GOIN' WITH ANYONE, VICKI?
BELIEVE IT, BRAD... CHRIS ALREADY ASKED ME.
BESIDES, EVEN IF I WASN'T GOING WITH CHRIS, I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T GO OUT WITH YOU!
BUT I NEED A DATE!
ASK "B.J." IF "THE BEAR" IS FREE!
VPRPRVPRP!!
I'LL BE IN CLASS IN A MINUTE, SEE YOU THERE.
OH, NO RUSH--TAKE ALL THE TIME YOU WANT. I DON'T MIND STARING AT MR. DASH. OOOHH, HE'S ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS!
YOU ONLY SAY THAT BECAUSE HE'S SIX FOOT TWO WITH BLONDE HAIR.
RIGHT ON!
YOU can design the fashions for Chris & Vicki! Read our SPECIAL FORM in THIS ISSUE!
AND, SHORTLY...
I'M FINALLY GETTING USED TO THIS SCHOOL... ACTUALLY MAKING SOME FRIENDS FOR A CHANGE. MAYBE MOVING HERE TO FAIRFAX WASN'T A BAD IDEA AFTER ALL.
I'D CERTAINLY NEVER HAVE MET VICKI, OR FOUND THOSE SUPER DIALS UNLESS WE MOVED TO THAT OLD HOUSE.
YEAH, FOR ONCE, THINGS SEEM TO BE GOING MY WAY INSTEAD OF--WHAT?
SKRASSHHH!
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
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HAVEN'T ANY CHOICE... EVEN IF IT'S BROAD DAYLIGHT... GOTTA BECOME A SUPER-HERO AND JUST HOPE NOBODY SEES ME!
QUICKLY, THE YOUNG TEENAGER DIALS THE LETTERS H-E-R-O, AND...
I CAN FEEL MY POWERS... STRENGTHING ME... EMPOWERING ME! GOOD GRIEF, I--I KNOW WHAT I'VE BECOME... I'M --
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AND INSTINCTIVELY I KNOW HOW TO USE MY POWERS--
--HARDLY HAVE TO CONCENTRATE AND I'VE FORMED RESTRAINING BONDS AROUND HIM--
--THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL BE ABLE TO BREAK FREE OF--
NOOOO!!! AGGHHH!!
THIS ONE POSSESSES THE ENERGY I NEED, BUT I SENSE THE PRESENCE OF ONE OTHER! AN EARTH FEMALE!
I MUST ABSORB HER POWER AS WELL!
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AND SINCE IT DOESN'T TAKE TWO GUESSES TO DECIDE THAT VICKI GRANT IS THAT "EARTH FEMALE" IN QUESTION...
TODAY'S TOPIC, CLASS, IS FUSION, WHICH I'M CERTAIN YOU'RE ALL JUST DYING TO HEAR ABOUT.
EXCEPT MR. KING. HE IS IN SCHOOL TODAY, ISN'T HE?
YEAH, I MEAN, YES, MR. DASH. HE WAS OUT IN THE HALL. MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED.
I'LL CHECK IF YOU'D LIKE.
OH, MS. GRANT, I WOULD LIKE THAT VERY MUCH. GO RIGHT AHEAD.
LOOKS LIKE KING REALLY SCREWED UP THIS TIME. HAH!
BRAD, YOUR NECK'S BLEEDING... WHY DON'T YOU PUT A TIGHT TOURNIQUET AROUND IT?
NOBODY SAW MY LOCKET GLOWING... WHICH MEANS CHRIS HAS USED HIS SUPER DIAL--
--AND THAT SHATTERED WINDOW TELLS ME I'D BETTER USE MINE! SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY WRONG!
AND, A QUICK DIAL-CHANGE LATER...
I ALWAYS LOVE USING THAT DIAL. THIS TIME IT'S TURNED ME INTO THE MOLECULAR MAIDEN...
--AND I'M USING MY MOLECULAR POWER OVER THE AIR MOLECULES TO LET ME FLY!
PROBLEM IS, CHRIS COULD BE ANYWHERE BY NOW... THE CHANCES OF MY FINDING HIM ARE--HOLD IT! SOMETHING BEHIND ME!
SKR-EEEK!
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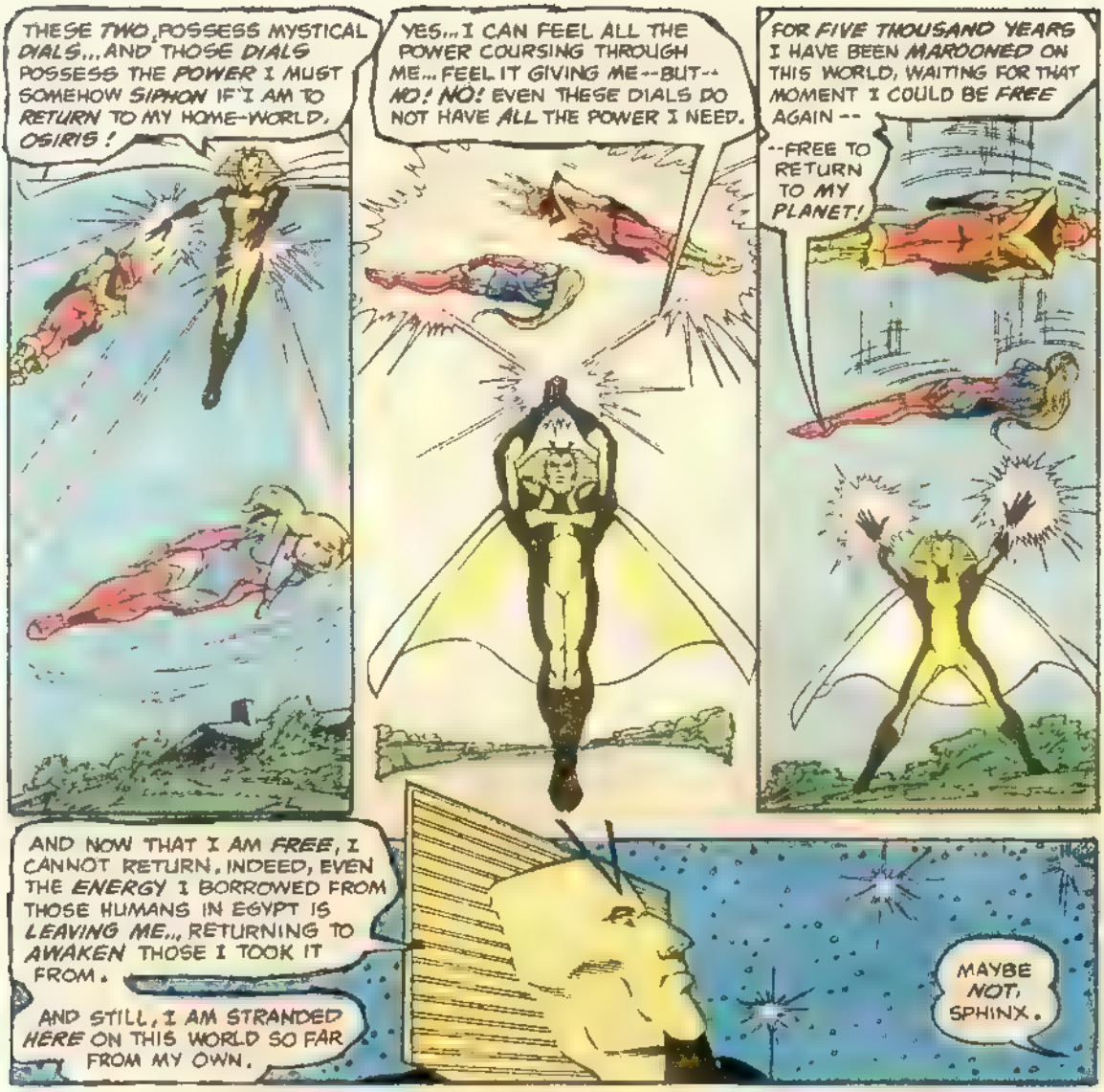
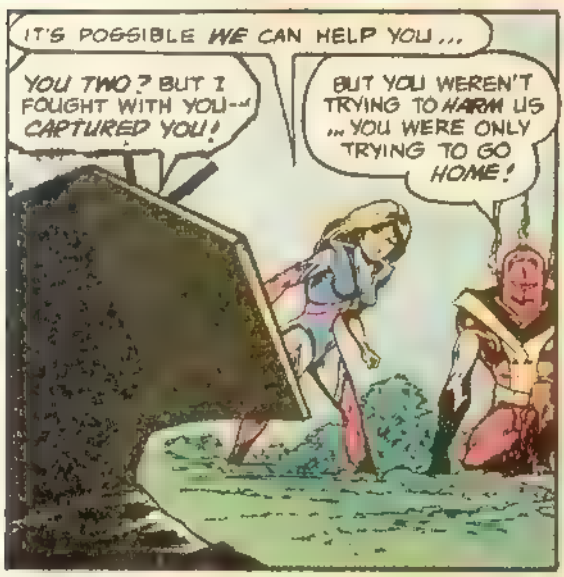
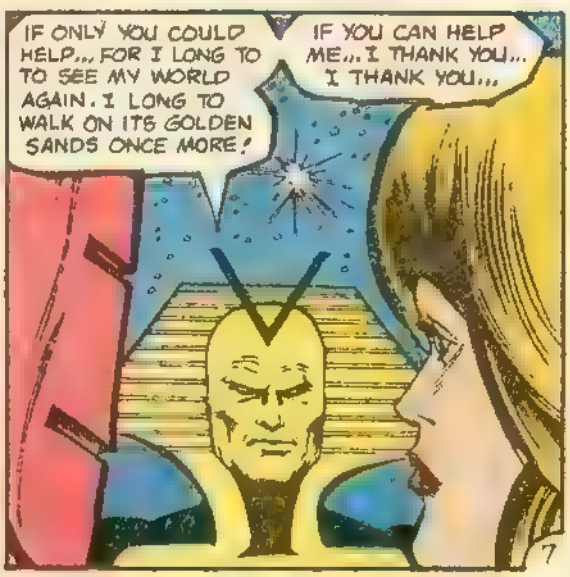

THESE TWO, POSSESS MYSTICAL DIALS... AND THOSE DIALS POSSESS THE POWER I MUST SOMEHOW SIPHON IF I AM TO RETURN TO MY HOME-WORLD, OSIRIS!
YES... I CAN FEEL ALL THE POWER COURSING THROUGH ME... FEEL IT GIVING ME--BUT-- NO! NO! EVEN THESE DIALS DO NOT HAVE ALL THE POWER I NEED.
FOR FIVE THOUSAND YEARS I HAVE BEEN MAROONED ON THIS WORLD, WAITING FOR THAT MOMENT I COULD BE FREE AGAIN --
--FREE TO RETURN TO MY PLANET!
AND NOW THAT I AM FREE, I CANNOT RETURN. INDEED, EVEN THE ENERGY I BORROWED FROM THOSE HUMANS IN EGYPT IS LEAVING ME... RETURNING TO AWAKEN THOSE I TOOK IT FROM.
AND STILL, I AM STRANDED HERE ON THIS WORLD SO FAR FROM MY OWN.
MAYBE NOT, SPHINX.


IT'S POSSIBLE WE CAN HELP YOU...
YOU TWO? BUT I FOUGHT WITH YOU-- CAPTURED YOU!
BUT YOU WEREN'T TRYING TO HARM US ...YOU WERE ONLY TRYING TO GO HOME!


IF ONLY YOU COULD HELP... FOR I LONG TO TO SEE MY WORLD AGAIN. I LONG TO WALK ON ITS GOLDEN SANDS ONCE MORE!
IF YOU CAN HELP ME... I THANK YOU... I THANK YOU...

THEN, SPHINX-- STAND BACK!
LET MY MYSTIC POWERS REACH OUT AND CREATE THE VERY SHIP YOU NEED TO SOAR INTO THE STARS THEMSELVES!
IT IS TRULY MAGNIFICENT ...BUT WILL IT TAKE ME HOME TO OSIRIS?
MISTER MYSTICAL CREATED THE SHIP FOR YOU, SPHINX, BUT IT'S UP TO THE MOLECULAR MAIDEN TO PROVIDE THE FUEL!
I USE MY POWERS TO RE-ARRANGE THE MOLECULES...CREATE A SPECIAL COSMIC PROPELLANT...
WITHOUT THE DIAL I WOULD NOT EVEN BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M DOING, BUT I KNOW THE FUEL I'VE CREATED WILL TAKE YOU WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO.
THERE IS NO WAY I CAN BEGIN TO PROPERLY THANK YOU, MY FRIENDS...
...BUT YOU HAVE ANSWERED MY AGE-LONG DREAM, AND I WILL BE FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT.
AND...
THERE HE GOES, BACK TO HIS WORLD! YOU KNOW SOMETHING, CHRIS...THE BEST THING ABOUT HAVING OUR SUPER-DIALS IS THAT WE CAN HELP THE PEOPLE WHO NEED US.
YEAH, IT FEELS GOOD TO GET RID OF ALL THE PROBLEMS.
OH, WE STILL HAVE PROBLEMS...BOY, DO WE HAVE PROBLEMS!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THE SPHINX IS GOING HOME. WHAT PROBLEMS?
OUR OWN! WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH AN EXCUSE WHY WE MISSED MR. DASH'S CLASS. 'CAUSE THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE THE REAL REASON.
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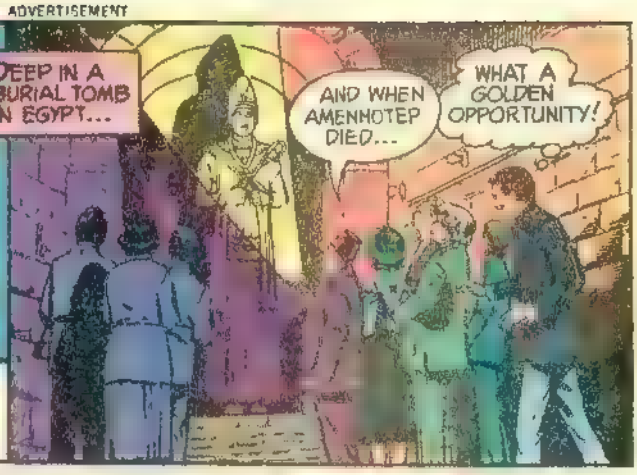

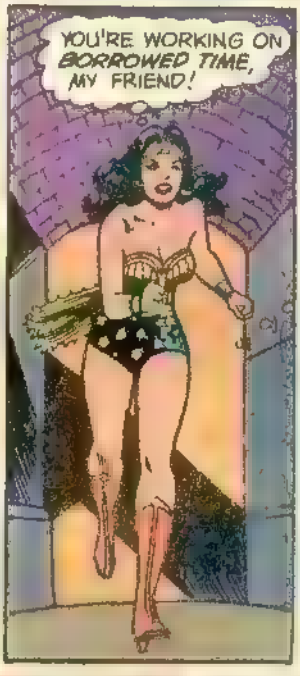

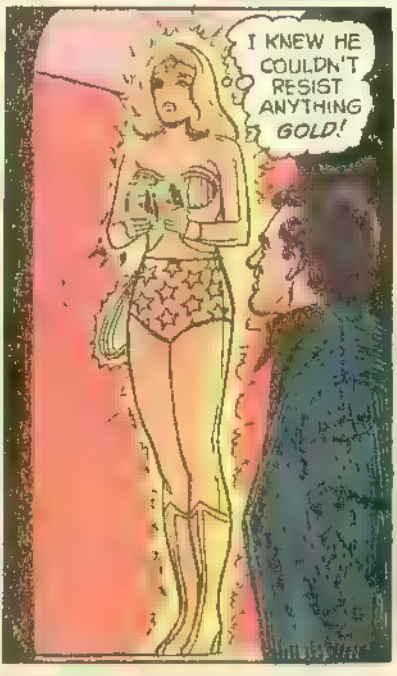

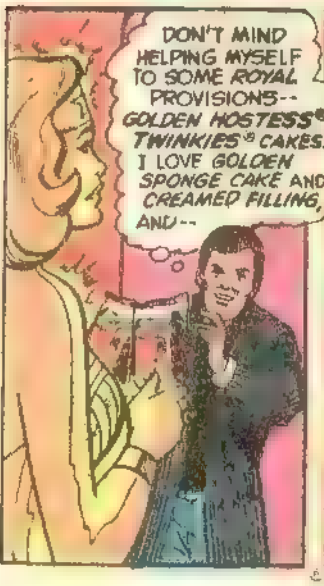
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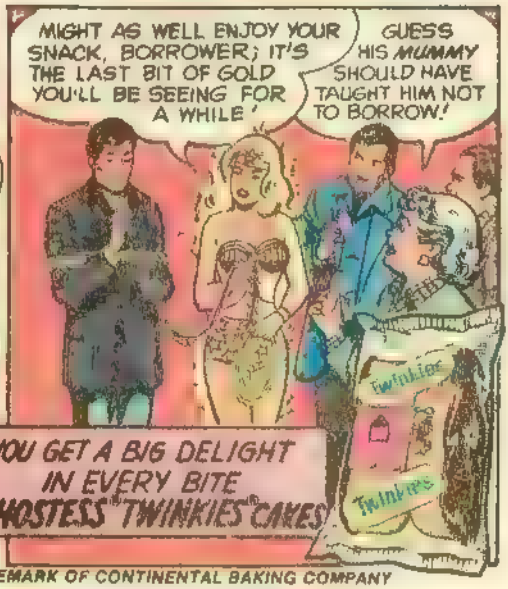
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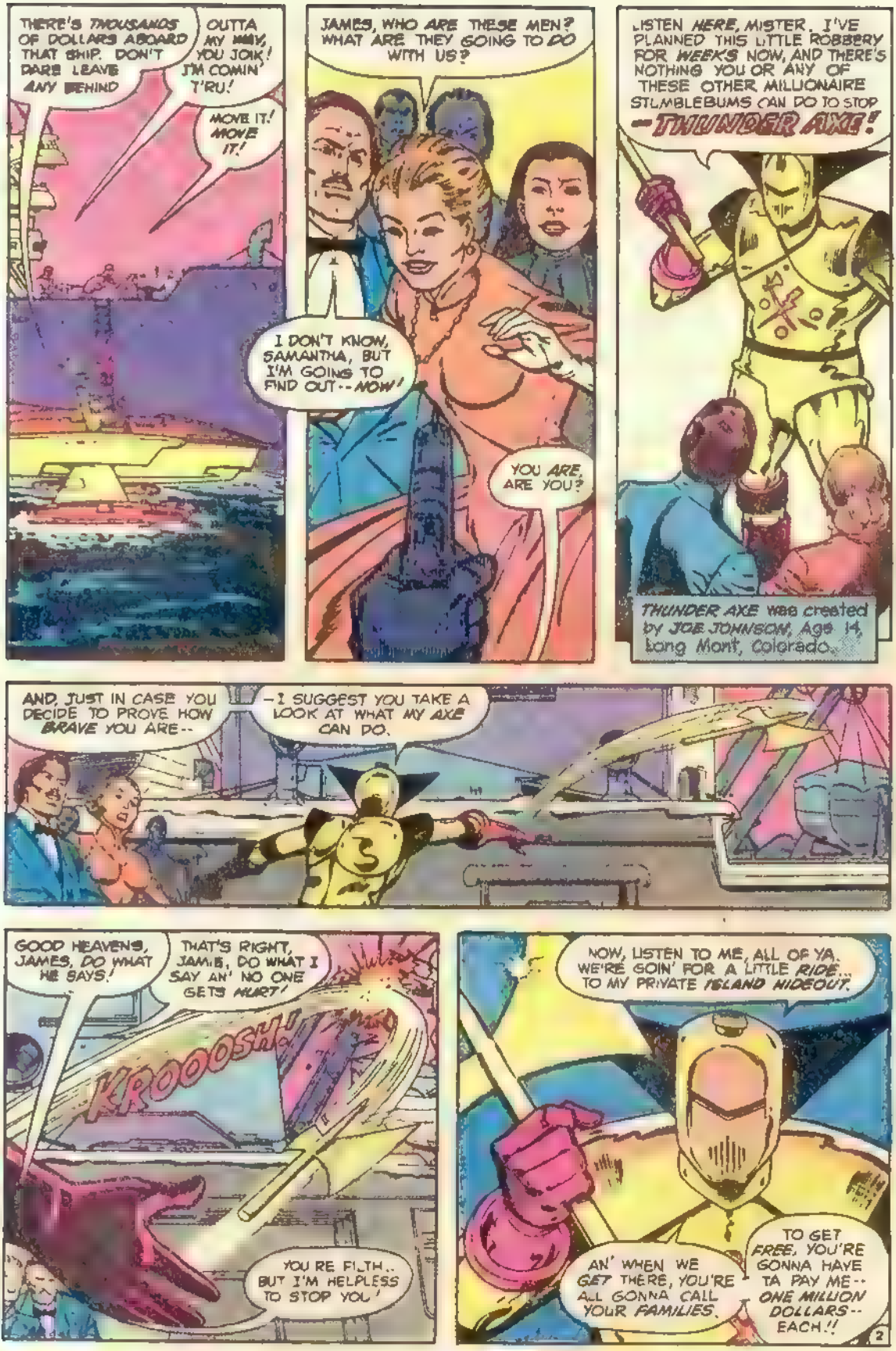
EACH MONTH -
lose world of
WARLORD

FAIRFAX BAY
AT DOCK IN FAIRFAX GENERAL HOSPITAL
FASTER, YOU BILGE RATS! THE "VICTORIA" IS DEAD AHEAD--
--JUST WAITING TO BE ATTACKED!
SOMETHING HIT THE BOAT!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WE'RE BEING... ATTACKED!
HERO

CHRISTOPHER KING' VICTORIA GRANT' WHEN THESE TWO ORDINARY TEENAGERS FOUND THE MYSTIC DIALS, THEY HAD NO IDEA THAT WHEN THEY DIALED THE LETTERS **H-E-R-O**, THEY WOULD BE TURNED INTO THE GREATEST SUPER-HEROES OF ALL TIME AND HELP OUR TITANIC TWOSOME...


THERE'S THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ABOARD THAT SHIP. DON'T DARE LEAVE ANY BEHIND
OUTTA MY WAY, YOU JOIK! I'M COMIN' T'RU!
MOVE IT! MOVE IT!
JAMES, WHO ARE THESE MEN? WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO WITH US?
I DON'T KNOW, SAMANTHA, BUT I'M GOING TO FIND OUT--NOW!
YOU ARE, ARE YOU?
LISTEN HERE, MISTER. I'VE PLANNED THIS LITTLE ROBBERY FOR WEEKS NOW, AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU OR ANY OF THESE OTHER MILLIONAIRE STUMBLEBUMS CAN DO TO STOP --THUNDER AXE!
THUNDER AXE was created by JOE JOHNSON, Age 14, Long Mont, Colorado.
AND, JUST IN CASE YOU DECIDE TO PROVE HOW BRAVE YOU ARE--
--I SUGGEST YOU TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT MY AXE CAN DO.
GOOD HEAVENS, JAMES, DO WHAT HE SAYS!
THAT'S RIGHT, JAMES, DO WHAT I SAY AN' NO ONE GETS HURT!
KROOOSH!
YOU'RE FILTH.. BUT I'M HELPLESS TO STOP YOU!
NOW, LISTEN TO ME, ALL OF YA. WE'RE GOIN' FOR A LITTLE RIDE... TO MY PRIVATE ISLAND HIDEOUT.
AN' WHEN WE GET THERE, YOU'RE ALL GONNA CALL YOUR FAMILIES.
TO GET FREE, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TA PAY ME-- ONE MILLION DOLLARS-- EACH!!
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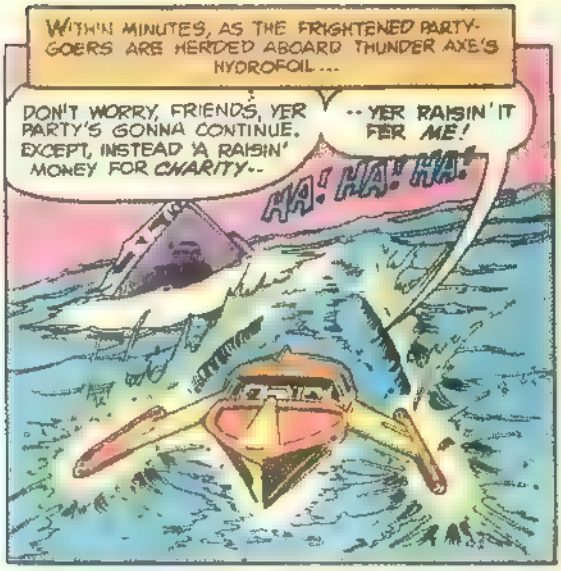
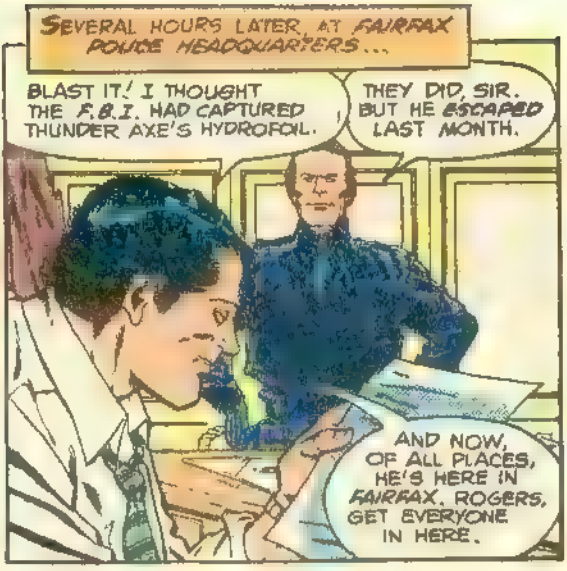
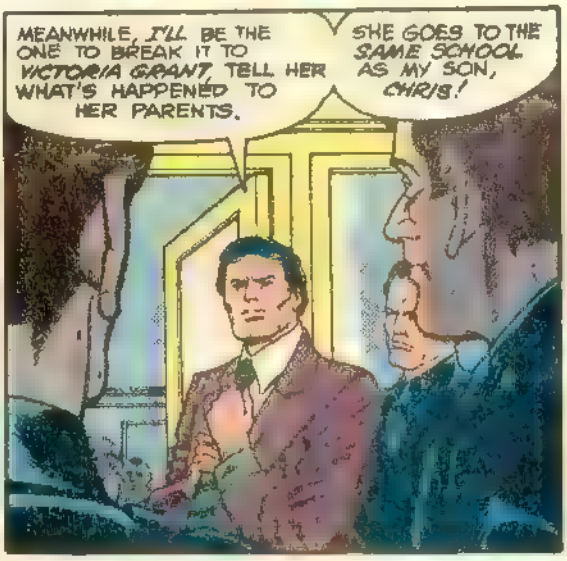
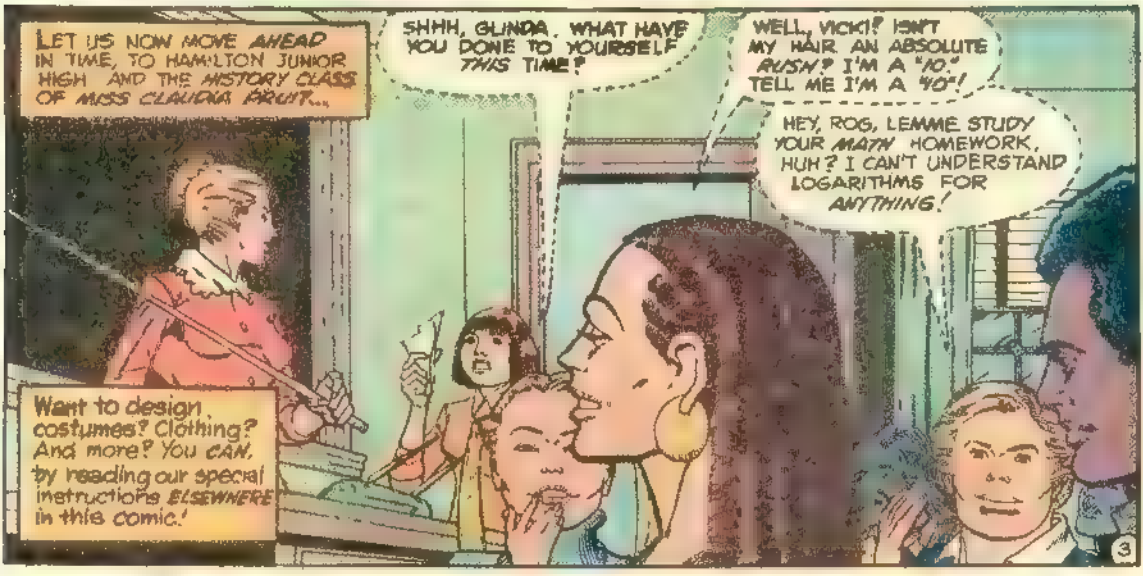

WITHIN MINUTES, AS THE FRIGHTENED PARTY-GOERS ARE HERDED ABOARD THUNDER AXE'S HYDROFOIL...
DON'T WORRY, FRIENDS, YER PARTY'S GONNA CONTINUE. EXCEPT, INSTEAD A RAISIN' MONEY FOR CHARITY--
--YER RAISIN' IT FER ME!
HA! HA! HA!


SEVERAL HOURS LATER, AT FAIRFAX POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
BLAST IT! I THOUGHT THE F.B.I. HAD CAPTURED THUNDER AXE'S HYDROFOIL.
THEY DID, SIR. BUT HE ESCAPED LAST MONTH.
AND NOW, OF ALL PLACES, HE'S HERE IN FAIRFAX. ROGERS, GET EVERYONE IN HERE.

AND, SHORTLY.
...THERE YOU HAVE IT, MEN. I WANT YOU TO INFORM THE FAMILIES OF THOSE KIDNAPPED PEOPLE. TELL THEM THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RAISE THE MONEY THUNDER AXE HAS DEMANDED.


MEANWHILE, I'LL BE THE ONE TO BREAK IT TO VICTORIA GRANT. TELL HER WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HER PARENTS.
SHE GOES TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS MY SON, CHRIS!


LET US NOW MOVE AHEAD IN TIME, TO HAMILTON JUNIOR HIGH AND THE HISTORY CLASS OF MISS CLAUDIA BRUIT...
SHHH, GLINDA. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO YOURSELF THIS TIME?
WELL, VICKI? ISN'T MY HAIR AN ABSOLUTE RUSH? I'M A "10." TELL ME I'M A "10"!
HEY, ROG, LEMME STUDY YOUR MATH HOMEWORK, HUH? I CAN'T UNDERSTAND LOGARITHMS FOR ANYTHING!
Want to design costumes? Clothing? And more? You CAN, by reading our special instructions ELSEWHERE in this comic!
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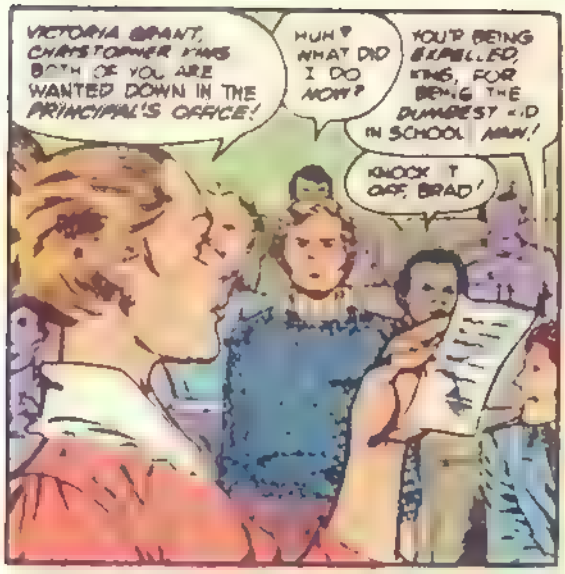
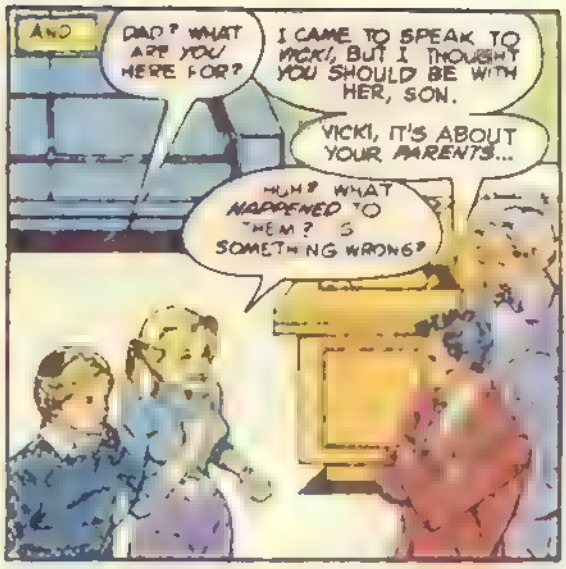
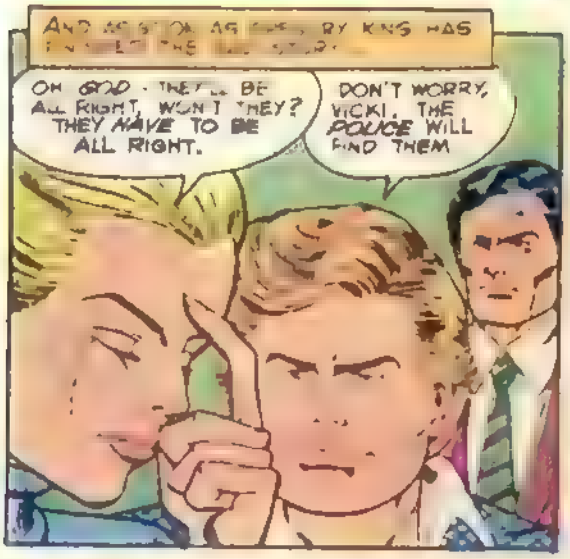
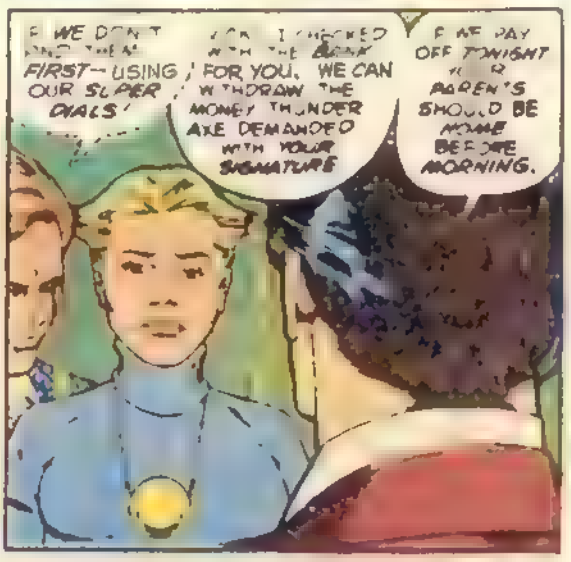
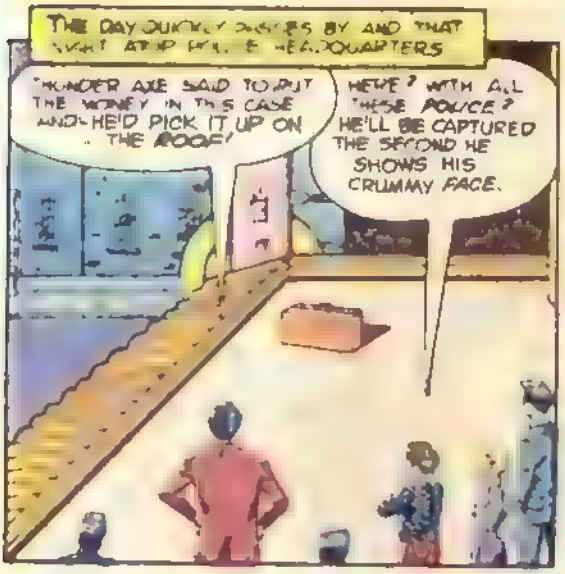
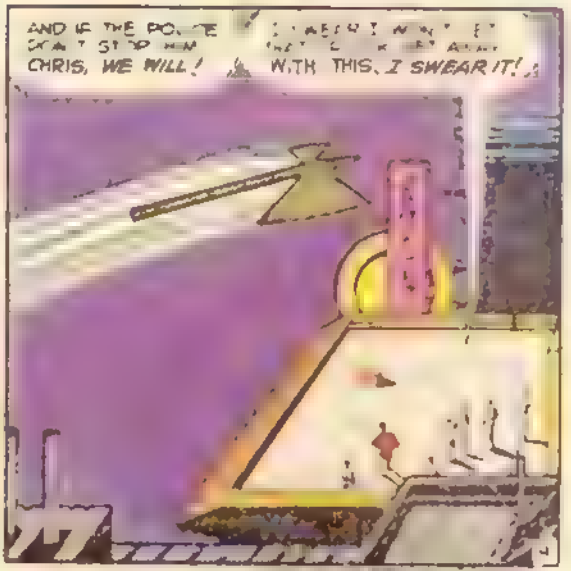

VICTORIA GRANT, CHRISTOPHER KING BOTH OF YOU ARE WANTED DOWN IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE!
HUH? WHAT DID I DO NOW?
YOU'D BEING EXPELLED, KING, FOR BEING THE DUMBEST KID IN SCHOOL MAN!
KNOCK IT OFF, BRAD!


AND
DAD? WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
I CAME TO SPEAK TO VICKI, BUT I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD BE WITH HER, SON.
VICKI, IT'S ABOUT YOUR PARENTS...
HUH? WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM? IS SOMETHING WRONG?


AND MEANWHILE, BRY KING HAS
OH GOD - THEY'LL BE ALL RIGHT, WON'T THEY? THEY HAVE TO BE ALL RIGHT.
DON'T WORRY, VICKI. THE POLICE WILL FIND THEM

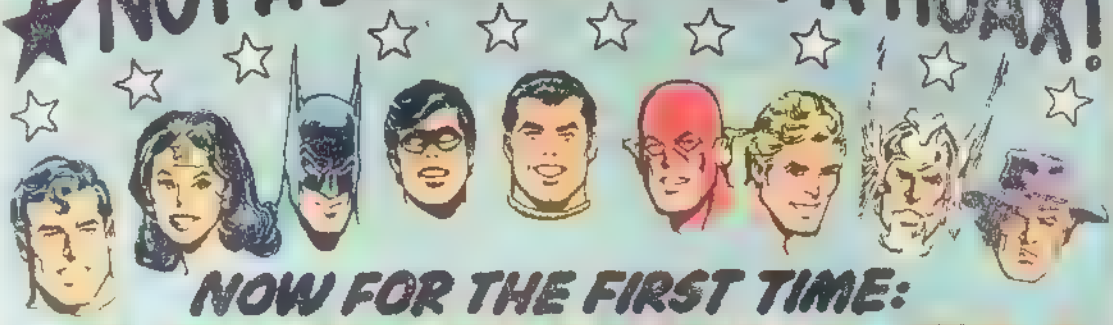

IF WE DON'T FIRST— USING OUR SUPER DIALS!
I'VE CHECKED WITH THE BANK FOR YOU. WE CAN WITHDRAW THE MONEY THUNDER AXE DEMANDED WITH YOUR SIGNATURE
IF WE PAY OFF TONIGHT YOUR PARENTS SHOULD BE HOME BEFORE MORNING.


THE DAY QUICKLY PASSES BY AND THAT NIGHT AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
THUNDER AXE SAID TO PUT THE MONEY IN THIS CASE AND HE'D PICK IT UP ON THE ROOF!
HEY! WITH ALL THESE POLICE? HE'LL BE CAPTURED THE SECOND HE SHOWS HIS CRUMMY FACE.


AND IF THE POLICE DON'T STOP HIM CHRIS, WE WILL!
I'LL BE WITH YOU WITH THIS, I SWEAR IT!

SAVE MONEY: SUBSCRIBE NOW!

★NOT A DREAM!★NOT A HOAX!



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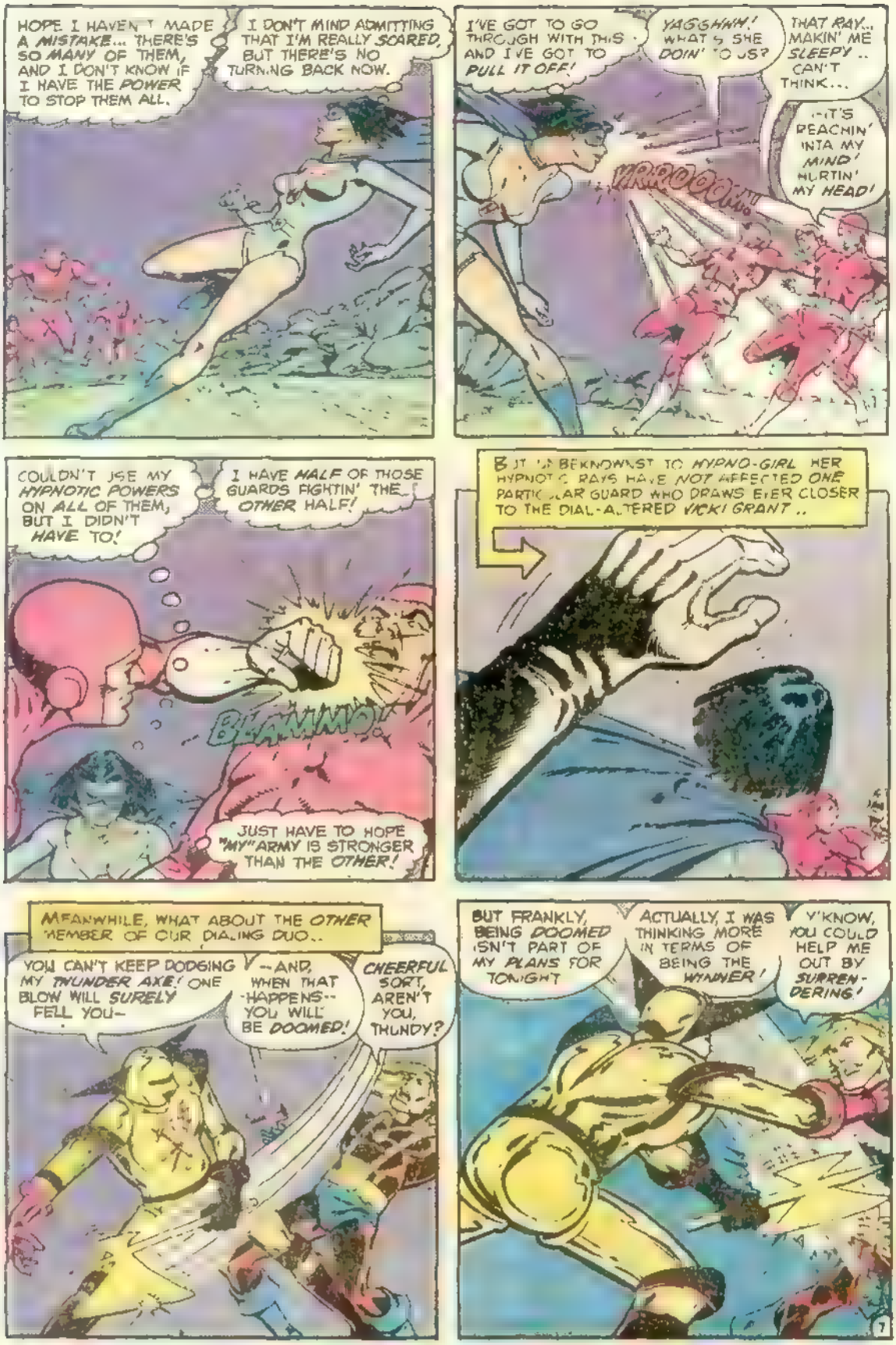
SOMEONE STOP IT! IT'S GRABBING THE MONEY!
IT'S GETTING AWAY CHRIS THAT MEANS IT'S UP TO US!
I DON'T CARE WHAT IT IS - I JUST WANT MY PARENTS BACK!
THERE IS A MOMENT WHEN TIME ITSELF STOPS. THEN, WITH AN EXPLOSION OF IMPOSSIBLE POWER...
NO! IT ISN'T FAIR! EVERYTIME WE'VE BECOME SUPER HEROES WE COULD FLY...
BUT NOW THAT I NEED TO FLY... TO FOLLOW THAT ARE BACK TO MY PARENTS, I'VE BECOME... HYPNO GIRL... WHO CAN'T FLY!
BOOM
HYPNO GIRL was created by [illegible] Age 16 [illegible], N.J.
DON'T SWEAT IT, VICKI. I'VE GOT ENOUGH FLYING POWER FOR THE TWO OF US!
YOU'RE MAKING YOUR OWN ENERGY! WHAT HAVE YOU BECOME?
JUST THE GREATEST HERO SINCE SUPERMAN HIMSELF. CALL ME STAR FLARE!
STAR FLARE was created by TERRENCE MONAMMED, Age 15, Jackson Heights, N.Y.
...THE HUMAN MISSILE!
NOTHING CAN STOP US NOW!
Want to see an "I DIALED N' FOR HERO" set story? See our special instruction elsewhere in this comic.

DETECTIVE KING --LOOK! TWO PEOPLE... FLYING, AND THEY'RE FOLLOWING THAT AXE! WHO ARE THEY? THE KIDNAPPERS OR--?
OR TWO MORE OF THOSE MYSTERIOUS SUPER-HEROES WHO HAVE BEEN APPEARING ALL OVER TOWN LATELY.
I WISH I KNEW WHERE THEY CAME FROM, ROGERS. AND I WISH I KNEW WHO THEY REALLY ARE.
EH, CHRIS AND VICKI ARE GONE. BUT WHERE DID THEY GO?
HMMM.
WHERE ARE CHRIS AND VICKI? NOW ABOUT IN THE SKIES HIGH ABOVE THE CHOPPY ATLANTIC...
I STILL CAN'T GET OVER THE WAY THE DIALS CHANGE US INTO A DIFFERENT SUPER-HERO EACH TIME WE USE THEM.
VICKI, FINDING THEM IN MY ATTIC WAS THE GREATEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME.
MAYBE CHRIS KING IS SHY AND QUIET, BUT WHEN I BECOME A SUPER-HERO, I CAN DO ALMOST ANYTHING. IT'S FANTASTIC!!
LET'S JUST HOPE WE CAN HELP SAVE MY PARENTS.
CHRIS, THE AXE IS HEADING FOR THAT ISLAND! THEY MUST BE THERE.
AND, ON THE ISLAND...
SEEMS WE'RE GETTING SOME COMPANY, MEN. BRING OUT OUR PRISONERS -- WE MIGHT NEED THEM NOW!
WHOEVER YOU TWO ARE, GET AWAY FROM HERE OR I'LL ORDER MY MEN TO KILL OUR HOSTAGES.
HE'LL KILL THEM. WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
I HAVE AN IDEA. YOU ATTACK THUNDER AXE. I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIS GOON SQUAD!


HOPE I HAVEN'T MADE A MISTAKE... THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM, AND I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THEM ALL.
I DON'T MIND ADMITTING THAT I'M REALLY SCARED, BUT THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW.
I'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS AND I'VE GOT TO PULL IT OFF!
YAGGHHH! WHAT'S SHE DOIN' TO US?
THAT RAY... MAKIN' ME SLEEPY .. CAN'T THINK...
--IT'S REACHIN' INTA MY MIND! HURTIN' MY HEAD!
VRROOOM!!!
COULDN'T USE MY HYPNOTIC POWERS ON ALL OF THEM, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE TO!
I HAVE HALF OF THOSE GUARDS FIGHTIN' THE OTHER HALF!
BLAMMO!
JUST HAVE TO HOPE "MY" ARMY IS STRONGER THAN THE OTHER!
BUT UNBEKNOWNST TO HYPNO-GIRL HER HYPNOTIC RAYS HAVE NOT AFFECTED ONE PARTICULAR GUARD WHO DRAWS EVER CLOSER TO THE DIAL-ALTERED VICKI GRANT ..
MEANWHILE, WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER MEMBER OF OUR DIALING DUO..
YOU CAN'T KEEP DODGING MY THUNDER AXE! ONE BLOW WILL SURELY FELL YOU--
--AND, WHEN THAT HAPPENS-- YOU WILL BE DOOMED!
CHEERFUL SORT, AREN'T YOU, THUNDY?
BUT FRANKLY, BEING DOOMED ISN'T PART OF MY PLANS FOR TONIGHT
ACTUALLY, I WAS THINKING MORE IN TERMS OF BEING THE VANQUISHER!
Y'KNOW, YOU COULD HELP ME OUT BY SURRENDERING!
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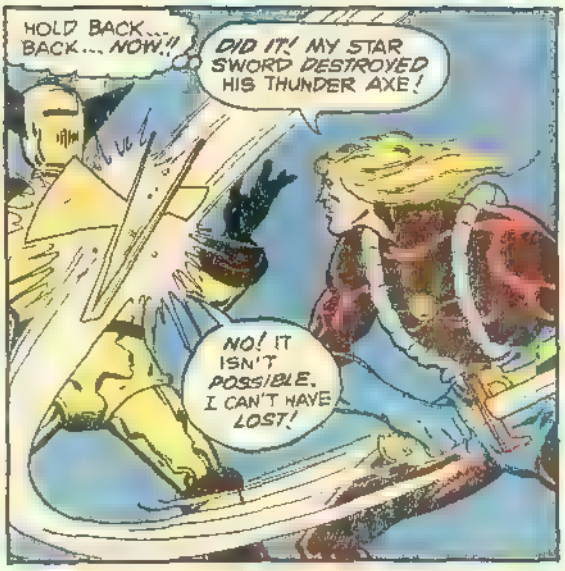
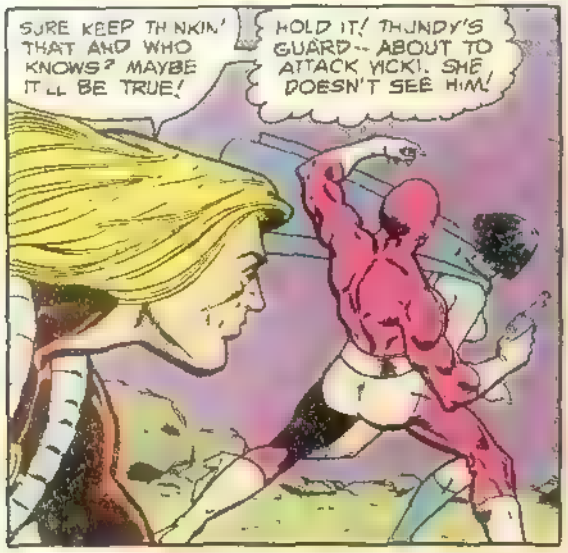
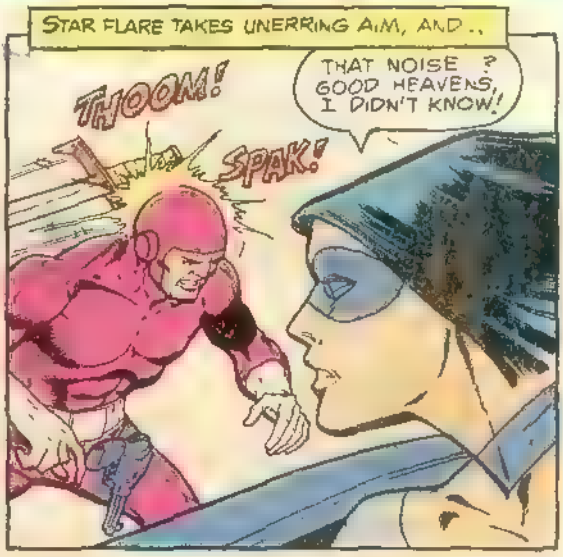
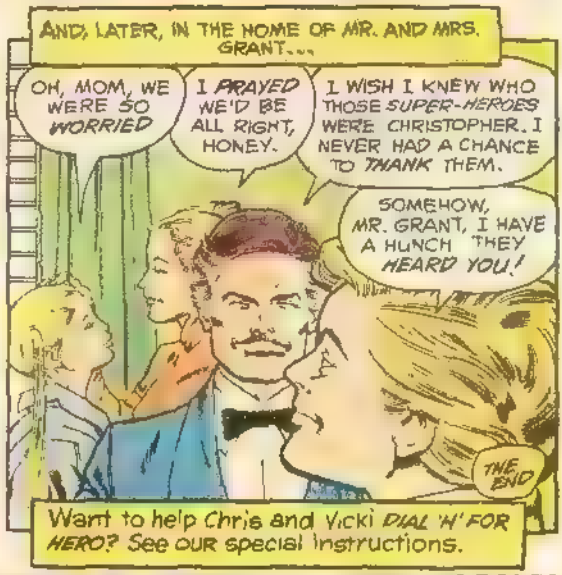
SURRENDER? ARE YOU MAD? THUNDER AXE NEVER SURRENDERS! THUNDER AXE NEVER FAILS!
WELL, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE ABOUT THAT, WON'T WE, HANDSOME?
GOTTA TIME THIS JUST RIGHT, OR THUNDY'S GONNA CHALK UP ANOTHER KILL!







AND, AFTER RELEASING THE KIDNAPPED HOSTAGES...
I'LL BE BACK, YOU FOOLS. YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF THUNDER AXE!
REMIND ME TO START SHAKING, PAL-- AFTER YOU GET OUT OF PRISON, IN TEN TO TWENTY YEARS!
IGNORE HIM, STAR FLARE. WE'VE GOT TO GET THESE PEOPLE BACK HOME.


AND, LATER, IN THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. GRANT...
OH, MOM, WE WERE SO WORRIED
I PRAYED WE'D BE ALL RIGHT, HONEY.
I WISH I KNEW WHO THOSE SUPER-HEROES WERE CHRISTOPHER. I NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO THANK THEM.
SOMEHOW, MR. GRANT, I HAVE A HUNCH THEY HEARD YOU!
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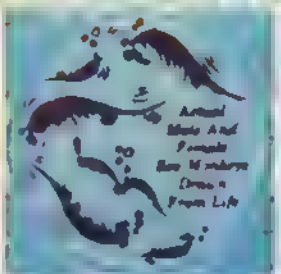

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DIAL "H" FOR HERO

HEAR YE HEAR YE THE CIRCUS HAS COME TO HEROES! SO WHERE BETTER TO BEGIN OUR LATEST SUPER HERO SAGA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!!! AND CHILDREN OF ALL AGES! MAY I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR CENTER RING!

FOR THE FIRST TIME ON ANY STAGE THE RALEIGH BROTHERS CIRCUS IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE GREATEST EVENT OF THE CENTURY

YOU WILL SEE A MAN CRASH THROUGH THIS SIX-FOOT THICK BRICK WALL AND LIVE

SURE IF HE GOES THROUGH THAT WALL I'LL EAT GUNDA'S HAT!

YEAH'S NOT MY FAVOURITE HAT IT'S THE LATEST HAD STYLE

AND NOW, THE STAR OF OUR SHOW—THE ONE AND ONLY...

BATTERING RAM

BATTERING RAM was created by DAVID HALE, age 18, Nova Scotia, Canada.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

HE WENT RIGHT THROUGH IT

WOW! HE REALLY DID IT!

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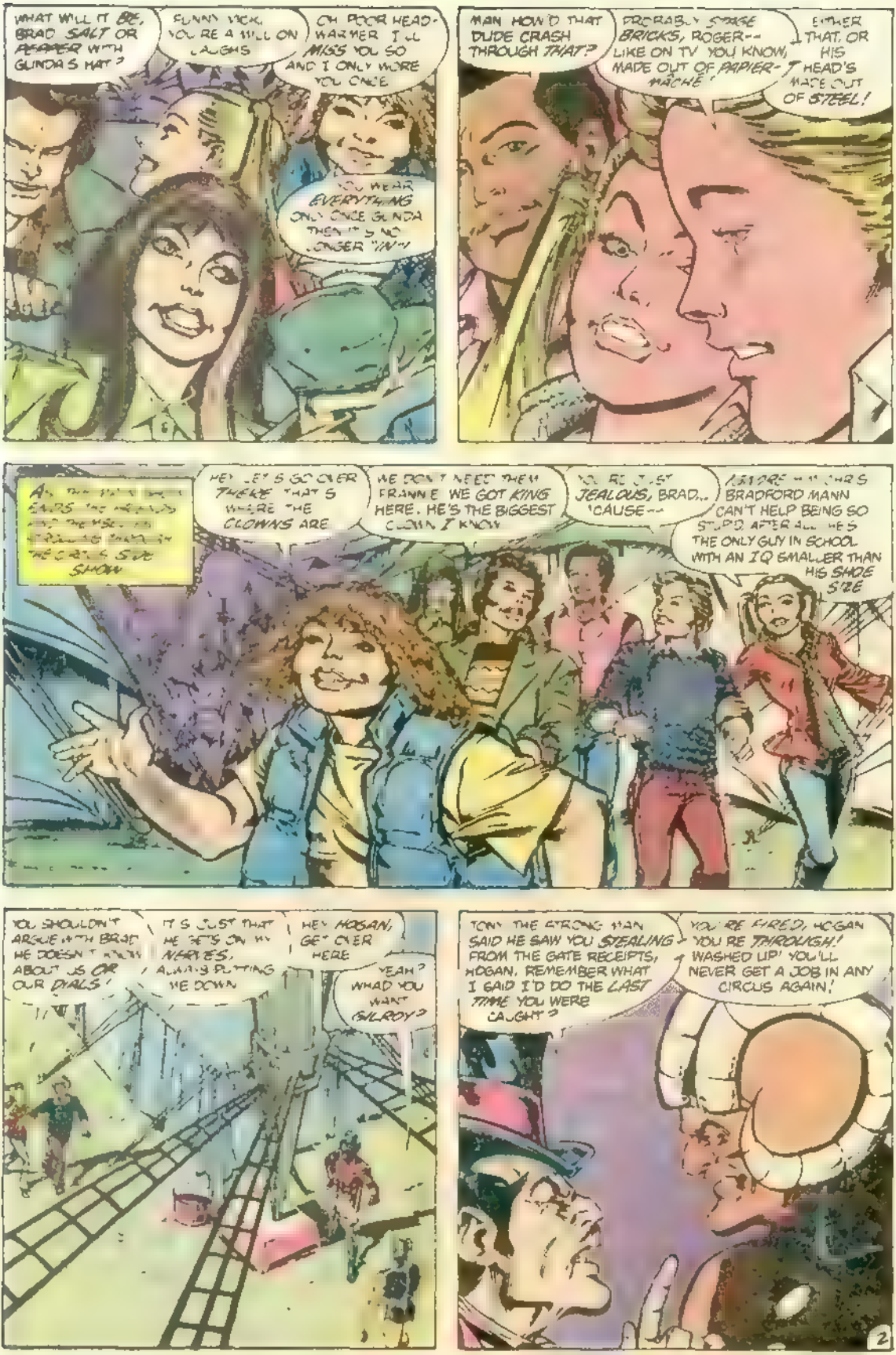
CIRCUS PSYCHO!


WHAT WILL IT BE, BRAD SALT OR PEPPER WITH GUNDA'S HAT?
FUNNY VICK, YOU'RE A WILL ON LAUGHS
OH POOR HEAD-WARMER I'LL MISS YOU SO AND I ONLY WORE YOU ONCE
YOU WEAR EVERYTHING ONLY ONCE GUNDA THEN IT'S NO LONGER "IN"!
MAN HOW'D THAT DUDE CRASH THROUGH THAT?
PROBABLY STAGE BRICKS, ROGER-- LIKE ON TV YOU KNOW, MADE OUT OF PAPIER-MÂCHÉ!
EITHER THAT, OR HIS HEAD'S MADE OUT OF STEEL!
AS THE MAN WHO EARS THE HEADS ON THE SIDE SHOW
HEY LET'S GO OVER THERE THAT'S WHERE THE CLOWNS ARE
WE DON'T NEED THEM FRANNIE WE GOT KING HERE. HE'S THE BIGGEST CLOWN I KNOW
YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS, BRAD.. 'CAUSE--
BEFORE HE CHEERS BRADFORD MANN CAN'T HELP BEING SO STUPID AFTER ALL HE'S THE ONLY GUY IN SCHOOL WITH AN IQ SMALLER THAN HIS SHOE SIZE
YOU SHOULDN'T ARGUE WITH BRAD HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT US OR OUR DIALS!
IT'S JUST THAT HE GETS ON MY NERVES, ALWAYS PUTTING ME DOWN
HEY HOGAN, GET OVER HERE
YEAH? WHAD YOU WANT GILROY?
TONY THE STRONG MAN SAID HE SAW YOU STEALING FROM THE GATE RECEIPTS, HOGAN. REMEMBER WHAT I SAID I'D DO THE LAST TIME YOU WERE CAUGHT?
YOU'RE FIRED, HOGAN YOU'RE THROUGH! WASHED UP! YOU'LL NEVER GET A JOB IN ANY CIRCUS AGAIN!
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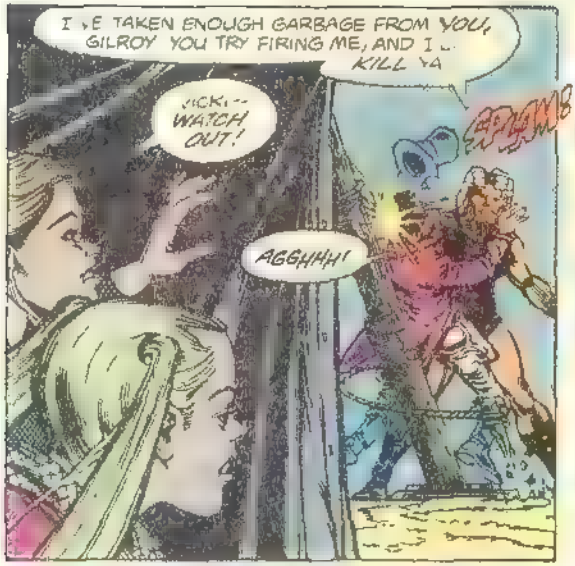
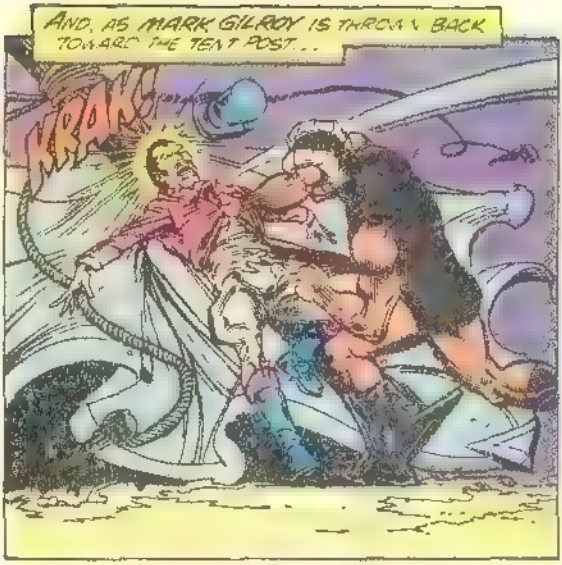
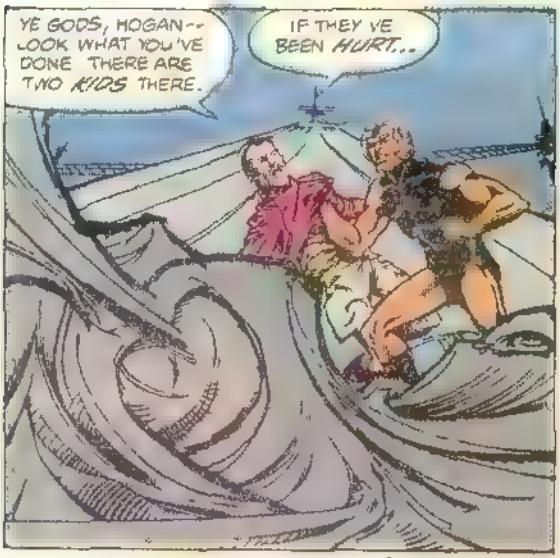
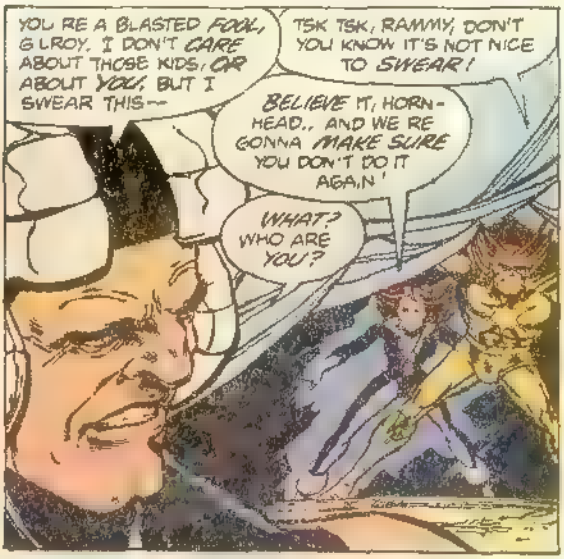
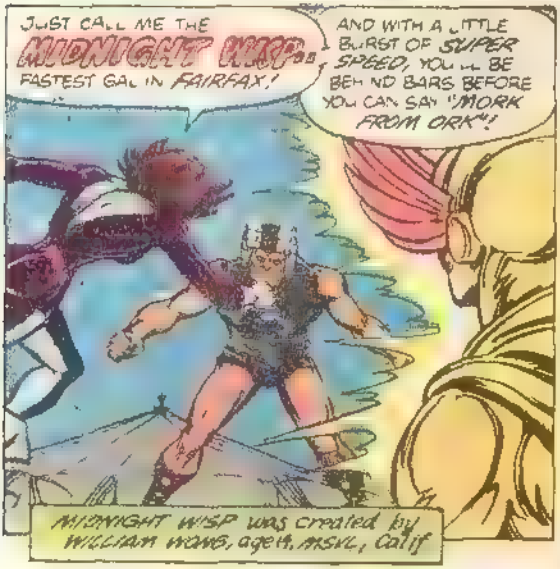
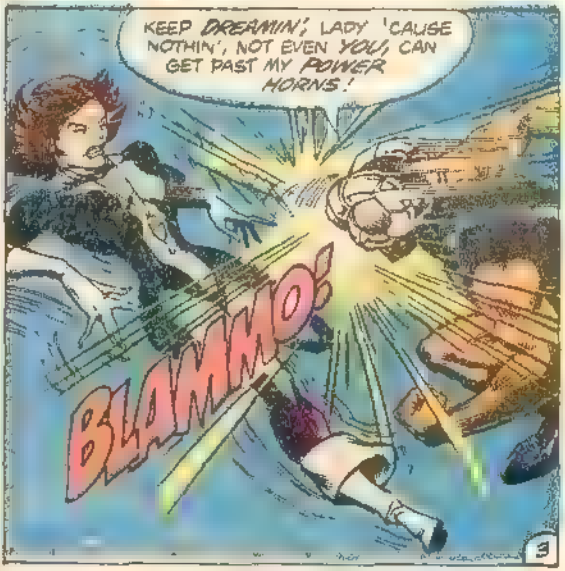

I'VE TAKEN ENOUGH GARBAGE FROM YOU, GILROY YOU TRY FIRING ME, AND I'LL KILL YA
NICK-- WATCH OUT!
SPLAM!
AGGHHH!

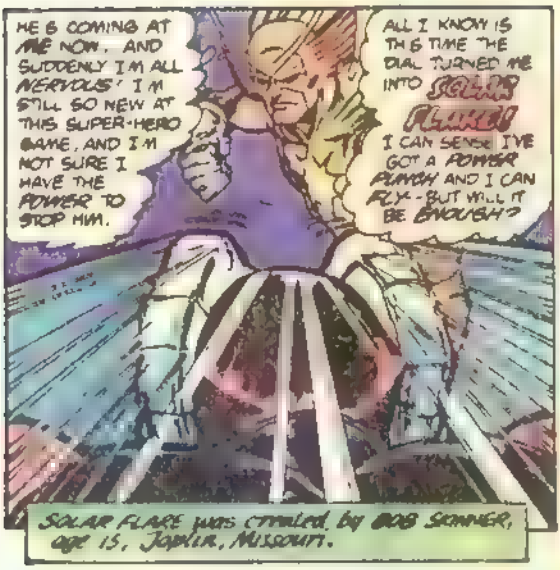

AND, AS MARK GILROY IS THROWN BACK TOWARD THE TENT POST...
KRAK!

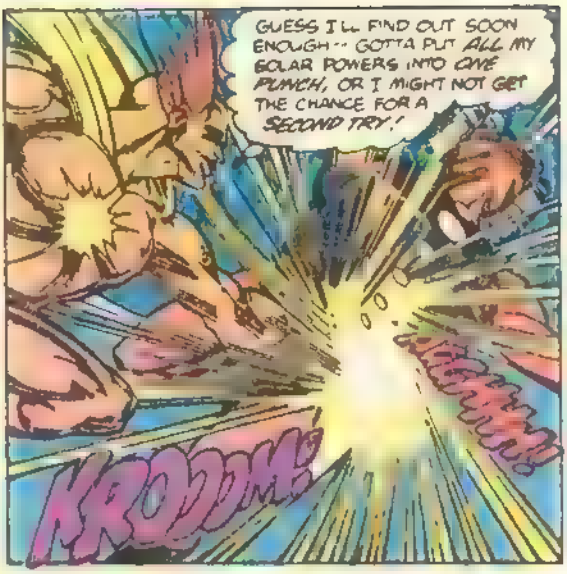

YE GODS, HOGAN-- LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE THERE ARE TWO KIDS THERE.
IF THEY'VE BEEN HURT...

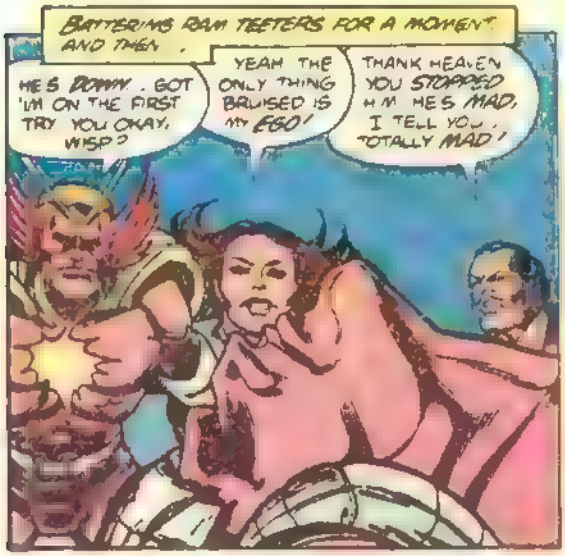

YOU'RE A BLASTED FOOL, GILROY. I DON'T CARE ABOUT THOSE KIDS, OR ABOUT YOU, BUT I SWEAR THIS--
TSK TSK, RAMMY, DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S NOT NICE TO SWEAR!
BELIEVE IT, HORN-HEAD., AND WE'RE GONNA MAKE SURE YOU DON'T DO IT AGA,N!
WHAT? WHO ARE YOU?

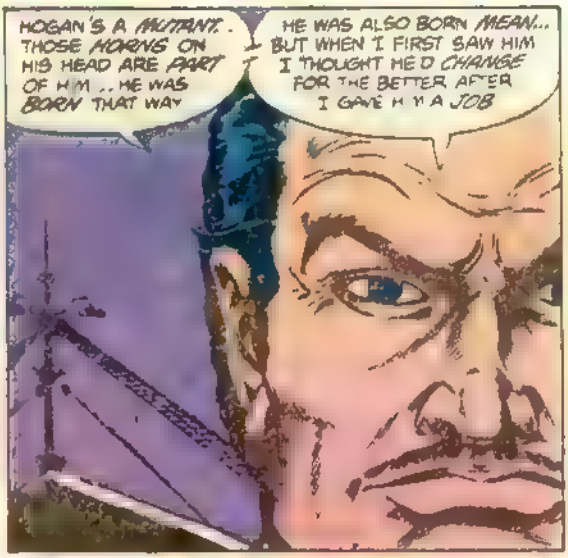

JUST CALL ME THE MIDNIGHT WISP, FASTEST GAL IN FAIRFAX!
AND WITH A LITTLE BURST OF SUPER SPEED, YOU'LL BE BEHIND BARS BEFORE YOU CAN SAY "MORK FROM ORK"!
MIDNIGHT WISP was created by WILLIAM WOMS, age 14, MSVL, Calif


KEEP DREAMIN', LADY 'CAUSE NOTHIN', NOT EVEN YOU, CAN GET PAST MY POWER HORNS!
BLAMMO!


HE'S COMING AT ME NOW... AND SUDDENLY I'M ALL NERVOUS! I'M STILL SO NEW AT THIS SUPER-HERO GAME, AND I'M NOT SURE I HAVE THE POWER TO STOP HIM.
ALL I KNOW IS THIS TIME THE DIAL TURNED ME INTO SOLAR FLARE! I CAN SENSE I'VE GOT A POWER PUNCH AND I CAN FLY - BUT WILL IT BE ENOUGH?
SOLAR FLARE was created by BOB SKINNER, age 15, Joplin, Missouri.


GUESS I'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH -- GOTTA PUT ALL MY SOLAR POWERS INTO ONE PUNCH, OR I MIGHT NOT GET THE CHANCE FOR A SECOND TRY!
KRROOOM!


BATTERING RAM TEETERS FOR A MOMENT AND THEN...
HE'S DOWN. GOT 'IM ON THE FIRST TRY, YOU OKAY, WISP?
YEAH THE ONLY THING BRUISED IS MY EGO!
THANK HEAVEN YOU STOPPED HIM. HE'S MAD, I TELL YOU, TOTALLY MAD!


HOGAN'S A MUTANT. THOSE HORNS ON HIS HEAD ARE PART OF HIM.. HE WAS BORN THAT WAY
HE WAS ALSO BORN MEAN... BUT WHEN I FIRST SAW HIM I THOUGHT HE'D CHANGE FOR THE BETTER AFTER I GAVE HIM A JOB

BUT AFTER ONE MONTH WITH THE CIRCUS HE ROBBED THE GATE RECEIPTS. I TOLD HIM THE NEXT TIME HE TRIED THAT, HE'D BE FIRED.
AND THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENED TONIGHT
FOOLS, ALL OF THEM ARE FOOLS! THEY THINK I'VE BEEN DEFEATED.

WELL, HERE'S WHERE THEY LEARN -- NOBODY BEATS THE BATTERING RAM -- NOBODY!
SPLAHHH
ARRGGHH!
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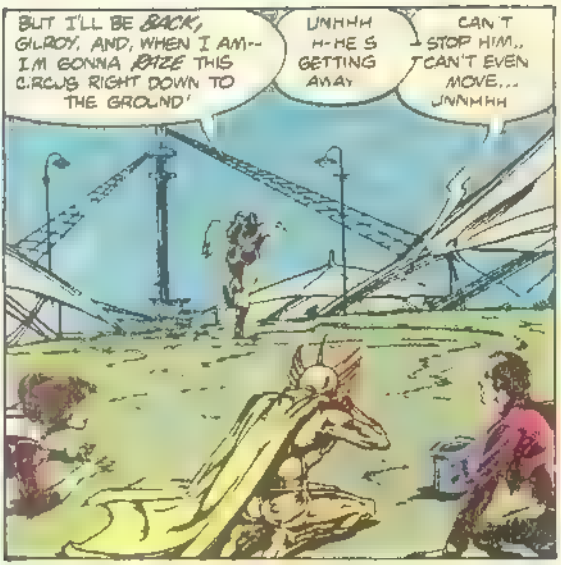
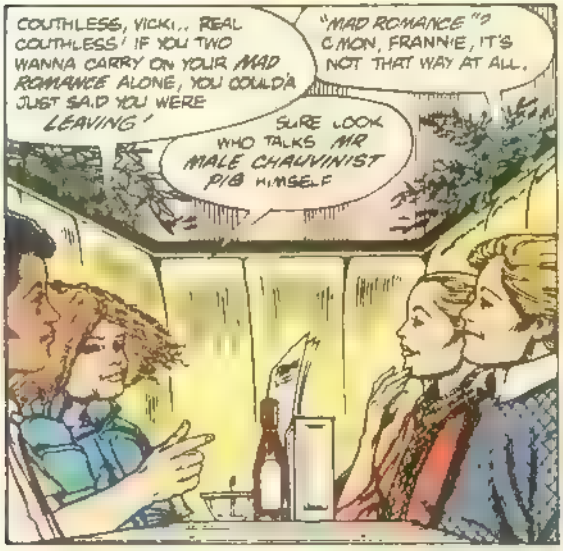
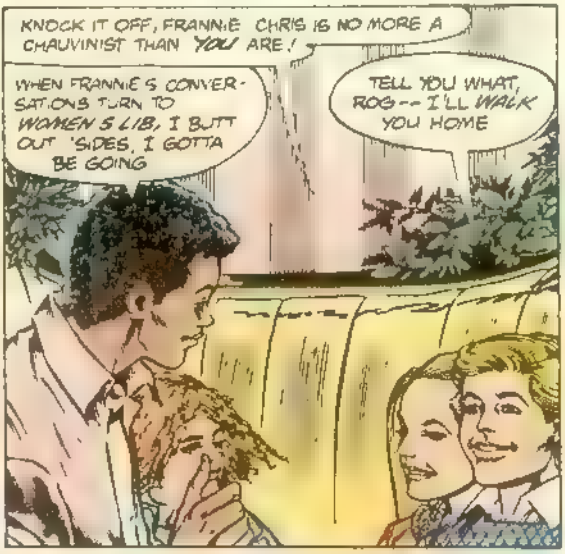
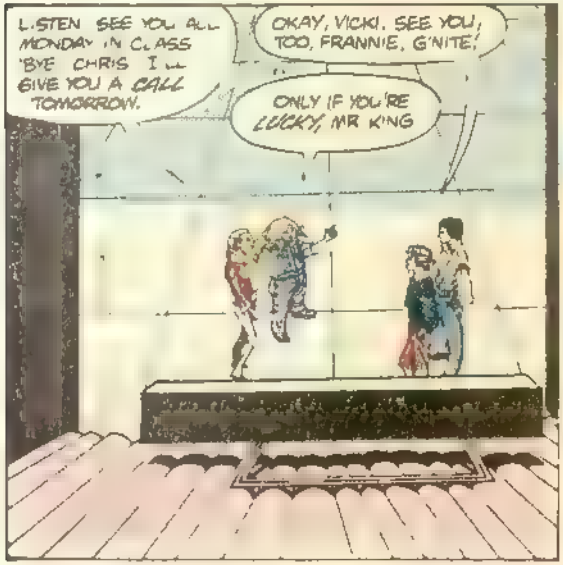

BUT I'LL BE BACK, GILROY, AND, WHEN I AM-- I'M GONNA RAZE THIS CIRCUS RIGHT DOWN TO THE GROUND!
UNHHH H-HE'S GETTING AWAY
CAN'T STOP HIM,, I CAN'T EVEN MOVE... UNNHHH

HOURS PASS AND LATER THAT EVENING
SHEESH, WHERE'D YOU TWO DISAPPEAR TO? WE SEARCHED OVER THE WHOLE CIRCUS BUT YOU WERE GONE!
UNHH, WE WERE THERE, FRANNIE... I GUESS WE JUST GOT SEPARATED.


COUTHLESS, VICKI,, REAL COUTHLESS! IF YOU TWO WANNA CARRY ON YOUR MAD ROMANCE ALONE, YOU COULD'A JUST SAID YOU WERE LEAVING!
"MAD ROMANCE"? C'MON, FRANNIE, IT'S NOT THAT WAY AT ALL.
SURE LOOK WHO TALKS MR MALE CHAUVINIST PIG HIMSELF


KNOCK IT OFF, FRANNIE CHRIS IS NO MORE A CHAUVINIST THAN YOU ARE!
WHEN FRANNIE'S CONVERSATIONS TURN TO WOMEN'S LIB, I BUTT OUT 'SIDES, I GOTTA BE GOING
TELL YOU WHAT, ROG-- I'LL WALK YOU HOME


LISTEN SEE YOU ALL MONDAY IN CLASS 'BYE CHRIS I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL TOMORROW.
OKAY, VICKI. SEE YOU, TOO, FRANNIE, G'NITE,
ONLY IF YOU'RE LUCKY, MR KING

ISN'T CHRIS SO CUTE? AND AFTER DATING BRAD FOR SO LONG I FORGOT SOME GUYS WERE STILL GENTLEMEN!
I DUNNO VICK YOU ASK ME, ALL MEN ARE THE SAME! THEY'RE ALL YECCCHY!
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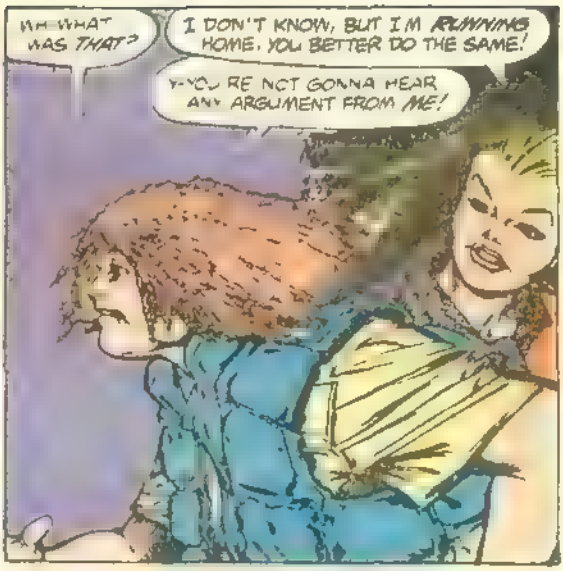
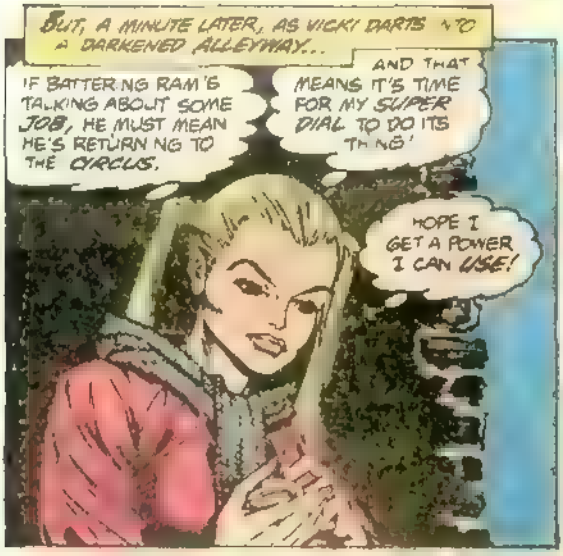
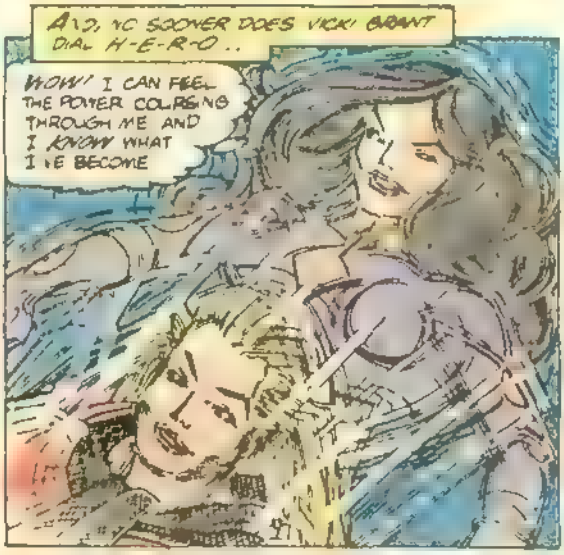
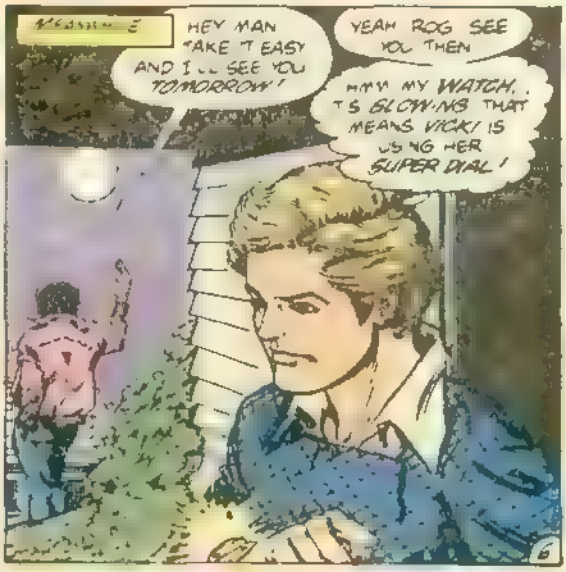
BUT, AS VICKI GRANT AND FRANNIE NASH CONTINUE ON THEIR WAY HOME...
HALT! STOP WHERE YOU ARE!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN, COPPER. BATTERING RAM AIN'T STOPPIN' FOR NO ONE!
I GOT A MISSION TA DO. AND I AIN'T STOPPIN TILL I'M DONE!
I-I-VICK--?


WH-WHAT WAS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I'M RUNNING HOME. YOU BETTER DO THE SAME!
Y-YOU'RE NOT GONNA HEAR ANY ARGUMENT FROM ME!


BUT, A MINUTE LATER, AS VICKI DARTS INTO A DARKENED ALLEYWAY...
IF BATTERING RAM'S TALKING ABOUT SOME JOB, HE MUST MEAN HE'S RETURNING TO THE CIRCUS.
AND THAT MEANS IT'S TIME FOR MY SUPER DIAL TO DO ITS THING!
HOPE I GET A POWER I CAN USE!


AND, NO SOONER DOES VICKI GRANT DIAL H-E-R-O..
WOW! I CAN FEEL THE POWER COURSING THROUGH ME AND I KNOW WHAT I'VE BECOME

I'M [illegible] MISTRESS OF THE WIND!
I CAN EVEN SUMMON UP ENOUGH WIND TO CARRY ME THROUGH THE AIR.
THE DIAL DID IT AGAIN WOWEEEE!


MEANWHILE
HEY MAN TAKE IT EASY AND I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW!
YEAH ROG SEE YOU THEN
HMM MY WATCH, IT'S GLOWING THAT MEANS VICKI IS USING HER SUPER DIAL!
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WHICH ALSO MEANS I'D BETTER US MY DIAL. SOMETHING'S GOTTA BE WRONG.
AS CHRIS KING'S FINGER REACHES TOWARD HIS WATCH, THE CLOCK FACE MYSTICALLY VANISHES, REVEALING THE HIDDEN SUPER DIAL BELOW...
AND, QUICKLY DIALING THE LETTERS A-E-R-O...
MAN, I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I'VE BECOME SOME SORT OF COSMIC COWBOY BUT I WANT A BETTER NAME THAN THAT...
...SO HERE S... THE WRANGLER!
THE WRANGLER WAS created By TOM REED, age24, Totono, OI..
IT'S AMAZING... WHEN I GET MY SUPER-POWERS, I INSTINCTIVELY KNOW WHAT I CAN DO--
--LIKE CREATE AN ENERGY HORSE USING MY COSMIC LASSO.
JUST THE PERFECT THING TO GET AROUND TOWN!
AND, A FEW MINUTES LATER, AFTER MEETING UP WITH STRATO-GIRL...
CHRIS, I'M SURE BATTERING RAM'S DOWN THERE... HE'S GOT TO BE.
AND HE WANTS TO DESTROY THE CIRCUS--TONIGHT.
THEN, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
TOGETHER, THEY CRASH THROUGH THE GIANT CANVAS TENT, ONLY TO FIND...
YE GODS! WRANGLER--DOWN THERE! IT'S THE RING-MASTER..
--AND BATTERING RAM'S ABOUT TO CRUSH HIM!
HAVE TO STOP HIM THE FASTEST WAY I CAN--AND THAT'S WITH A GIANT CYCLONE!
WHAT IN BLAZES--?
WHOOOSHHH
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AGGSHH! THE WIND-- KNOCKING ME BACK!
YOU CAN TRY, HORN-HEAD...
I'VE GOT TO FIGHT IT!

BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU'RE NOT GONNA SUCCEED!
YAHOOOO! GOT 'IM ON MY FIRST THROW!

OFF ME, YOU STUPID FOOL-- GET OFF.
NOT YET, RAMMY--I ALWAYS WANTED TO STAR IN THE RODEO... FIRST BY RIDING THE BUCKING BRONCO--

--THEN BY FINISHING WITH SOME OLD-FASHIONED RAM-RASSLING!
AND THERE HE GOES... RAMMY'S DOWN IN THE FIRST ROUND!

THE WINNER, AND STILL CHAMPEEEEN! -- THE WRANGLER!
HOLD ON, RINGMASTER... A WIND BLAST WILL KNOCK OFF THOSE ROPES!
WOW! I'VE NEVER SEEN AN ACT LIKE THAT BEFORE. IT'S GREAT! IT'S MAGNIFICENT!

YOU CAN BE THE GREATEST CIRCUS STAR OF THEM ALL! JUST SAY YES, AND I'LL HAVE YOUR NAME UP IN LIGHTS!
WELL...
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